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Status

1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on Mar 20, 2001

2a) ☐ This action is FINAL. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.

3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 35 C.D. 11; 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

4) ☒ Claim(s) 13, 16, 17, 20-22, and 38-44 is/are pending in the application.

4a) Of the above, claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.

5) ☒ Claim(s) 17 and 20-22 is/are allowed.

6) ☒ Claim(s) 13, 16, and 38-44 is/are rejected.

7) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.

8) ☐ Claims _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirements.

Application Papers

9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.

10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are objected to by the Examiner.

11) ☐ The proposed drawing correction filed on _____ is: a) ☐ approved b) ☐ disapproved.

12) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

13) ☐ Acknowledgement is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d).

a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some* c) ☐ None of:

1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.

2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.

3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

*See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

14) ☐ Acknowledgement is made of a claim for domestic priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(e).

Attachment(s)

15) ☒ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)

16) ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)

17) ☒ Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO-1449) Paper No(s). 26

18) ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413) Paper No(s). _____

19) ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)

20) ☐ Other: _____

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DETAILED ACTION

1. This Office Action is the answer to the RCE filed on March 20, 2001 , which paper has been placed of record in the file.
2. Claims 13, 16, 17, 20-22, and 38-44 are pending in this application.

Allowable Subject Matter/Reasons for Allowance

3. The independent claims 17 and 20 are allowable over the prior arts of cited record because none of the reference taken individually or in combination discloses/teaches the feature of “the first remote funding source terminal device selectively forwards the credit application and the credit report data to a second remote funding source terminal device if the funding source associated with the first remote funding source terminal declines to approve the credit application.”
4. Claims 21-22 are allowed because they are dependent claims of the allowable independent claim 20.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102

5. The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless --

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(e) the invention was described in a patent granted on an application for patent by another filed in the United States before the invention thereof by the applicant for patent, or on an international application by another who has fulfilled the requirements of paragraphs (1), (2), and (4) of section 371© of this title before the invention thereof by the applicant for patent.

6. Claims 43-44 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(e) as being anticipated by Dykstra et al, U.S. Patent No. 5,930,776.

Regarding claim 43, Dykstra discloses a credit application and routing system comprising:
a processor is located at a lender (figure 1, item 26); and
at least one data input terminal for selectively receiving credit application data from applicants at remote location and forwarding the data to the processor over a communication medium, wherein processor executes a program the performs method steps for handling the credit application (column 4, lines 18-46), the method steps including:

receiving the credit application to allow either manual decision of the credit application nor manual entry of the credit application into an in-house credit processing system (column 4, lines 18-46);

viewing all credit application request sent to the lender (column 5, lines 5-12);

viewing all referrals the lender may have made (column 4, lines 56-63);

viewing specific details about a dealer (column 4, lines 33-36); and

entering and distributing lender news (column 7, lines 57-58).

Regarding claim 44, Dykstra further discloses the specific details include whether the lender has a relationship with the dealer (column 4, lines 26-28).

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Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 103

7. The following is a quotation of 35 U.S.C. 103(a) which forms the basis for all obviousness rejections set forth in this Office action:

(a) A patent may not be obtained though the invention is not identically disclosed or described as set forth in section 102 of this title, if the differences between the subject matter sought to be patented and the prior art are such that the subject matter as a whole would have been obvious at the time the invention was made to a person having ordinary skill in the art to which said subject matter pertains. Patentability shall not be negated by the manner in which the invention was made.

8. Claims 13, 16, and 38-42 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Dykstra et al, U.S. Patent No. 5,611,052.

Regarding claim 13, Dykstra discloses a computer based method of managing a credit application in a system including a central processor coupled to a communications medium for communicating with a remote application entry and display device that allows entry of the credit application (see abstract), a remote credit bureau terminal device (figure 1, item 38), and a remote funding source terminal devices (figure 1, item 34), the method comprising the steps of:

receiving credit application data from the remote application entry and display device (column 4, lines 12-35);

obtaining credit report data from at least one remote credit bureau terminal device (column 4, lines 41-65);

selectively forwarding the credit application data and the credit report data to at least one remote funding source terminal device (figure 2A, step 120);

forwarding funding decision data from the at least one remote funding source terminal device to remote application entry and display device (figure 2A, step 122).

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Dykstra does not teach the step of: providing insurance data to a user at the remote application entry and display device. However, Dykstra does teach providing borrower's information such as name, address, social security number, employer, income and the like to the user at the remote application entry and display device (column 4, lines 30-35). Therefore, it would have been obvious in Dykstra's to include insurance data in borrower's information. Moreover, providing insurance data to a user at the remote application entry and display device is also well known in the art. For example, when a customer purchases a car at an auto dealer, the customer is always required to provide insurance information to the dealer. Thus no patentable distinction is imparted by this feature.

Regarding claim 16, Dykstra does not directly teach remote application entry and display device include a telephone connection for voice communication with a remote data entry location to provide the credit application data. However, Dykstra does teach remote application entry and display device having a keyboard, display, or other user input/output devices (column 3, lines 55-60). Therefore, it would have been obvious in Dykstra's to include a telephone connection for voice communication with a remote data entry location to provide the credit application data.

Regarding claim 38, Dykstra further discloses the system processes credit applications for a dealer having a plurality of dealerships located at different locations, the method further comprising the steps of: aggregating data from each or the plurality of dealerships; and providing the dealer with a consolidated report using the aggregated data (see figure 1, item 26 and column 4, lines 12-40).

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Regarding claims 39 and 41, Dykstra teaches the remote application entry and display device includes a data entry terminal for manual entry of the credit application data (figure 1, item 26), but Dykstra does not teach wherein the data entry terminal is connected to an insurance system, and wherein the insurance system is connected to the credit application and routing system to provide insurance data to a user of the remote application entry and display device. However, examiner is unable to find the feature: “the data entry terminal is connected to an insurance system, and wherein the insurance system is connected to the credit application and routing system to provide insurance data to a user of the remote application entry and display device” in the disclosure of the instant application. Examiner requests citation supporting the claimed feature.

Regarding claims 40 and 42, Dykstra further discloses the system processes credit applications for a dealer having a plurality of dealerships located at different locations, the method further comprising the steps of: aggregating data from each or the plurality of dealerships; and providing the dealer with a consolidated report using the aggregated data (see figure 1, item 26 and column 4, lines 12-40).

Conclusion

9. Claims **13, 16, and 38-44** are rejected.

Claims **17 and 20-22** are allowed.

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10. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to examiner Nga B. Nguyen, whose telephone number is (703)306-2901. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday-Thursday from 8:30 AM-5:00 PM.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Vincent A. Millin, can be reached on (703)308-1065.

11. **Any response to this action should be mail to:**

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